

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.
PCT/SG2005/000048

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

Int. Cl.?: G02C 1/08

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

DWPI, JAPIO: IPC as above plus keywords *spectacle?*, *eyeglass+*, *glasses*, *frame*, *rim*, *press+*, *steel*, *metal*, *clip*, *clasp*, *lens*, *clamp* and similar other terms.

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

| Category* | Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages | Relevant to claim No. |
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| A | US 5523806 A (SAKAI) 4 June 1996 See abstract | 1,31 |
| X | US 2551144 A (LINDEMANN et al) 1 May 1951 See abstract | 1,31 |
| X | US 1272833 A (METCALF) 16 July 1918 See figures | 1,31 |
| X | US 2117436 A (LINDBLOM) 17 May 1938 See figures | 1,15, 31 |

 Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C See patent family annex

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| A | Patent Abstracts of Japan JP 10-062722 A (SAI) 6 March 1998 See abstract | 15 |
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| X | FR 2768237 A1 (OPTIQUE DISTRIBUTION) 12 March 1999 See abstract | 15 |
| X | GB 2034072 A (LES MUST DE CARTIER) 29 May 1980 See abstract | 1,21,31 |
| A | EP 833185 A2 (MASUNAGA OPTICAL) 1 April 1998 See abstract | 1,31 |

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Box No. II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. Claims Nos.:
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:

3. Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a)

Box No. III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

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1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:

4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest

The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
 No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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Supplemental Box

(To be used when the space in any of Boxes I to VIII is not sufficient)

Continuation of Box No: Box III

The international application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention because it does not relate to one invention or to a group of inventions so linked as to form a single general inventive concept. In coming to this conclusion the International Searching Authority has found that there are two inventions:

1. Claims 1-20, and 31-33 directed to a spectacle frame including front pieces having an upper and lower portion having notches formed within them. It is considered that the notches and a clip to engage into the notches comprises a first "special technical feature".
2. Claims 21 to 30 directed to a spectacle temple piece having a slot and upper & lower pins. The attachment of the temple piece by compressing the slot so that the pins can engage in pin holes formed in the spectacle frame is considered to comprise a second separate "special technical feature".

Since the abovementioned groups of claims do not share either of the technical features identified, a "technical relationship" between the inventions, as defined in PCT rule 13.2 does not exist. Accordingly the international application does not relate to one invention or to a single inventive concept.

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Information on patent family members

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This Annex lists the known "A" publication level patent family members relating to the patent documents cited in the above-mentioned international search report. The Australian Patent Office is in no way liable for these particulars which are merely given for the purpose of information.

| Patent Document Cited in Search Report | | Patent Family Member | | | | | |
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| | | DE | 2733499 | FR | 2360095 | IL | 52600 |
| | | JP | 53015847 | MC | 1161 | NL | 7708251 |
| | | ZA | 7704492 | | | | |
| EP | 0115826 | AU | 23975/84 | CA | 1244686 | JP | 59148026 |
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| GB | 2034072 | BE | 879515 | BR | 7906779 | DE | 2941798 |
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| | | ZA | 7905594 | | | | |
| EP | 0833185 | US | 5751394 | | | | |

Due to data integration issues this family listing may not include 10 digit Australian applications filed since May 2001.

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